

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response. Claims 1-10 are currently pending, and claims 11-33 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Further, Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing or divisional applications directed to any or all subject matter previously set forth in now canceled claims 11-33. Claim 1 is the sole remaining independent claim.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant appreciates and acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-10.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Final in that it places the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claims 11-33 leaving only allowable claims 1-10 pending.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd PARAGRAPH

Claims 32-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has canceled claims 32-33 rendering the above rejection moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Hiruta (U.S. Patent No. 5,952,841). Applicant has canceled claims 11-33, rendering the above rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.


If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Andrew M. Waxman, Reg. No. 56,007, at the number of the undersigned listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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